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**USHMR2050US NP**In re Application of **GROSSMAN, ET AL.**Application Number **09/596,114**Filed **16 June 2000**For **NOVEL VECTORS FOR IMPROVING CLONING AND  
EXPRESSION IN LOW COPY PLASMIDS**Group Art Unit **1636**Examiner **LOEB, B.**

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